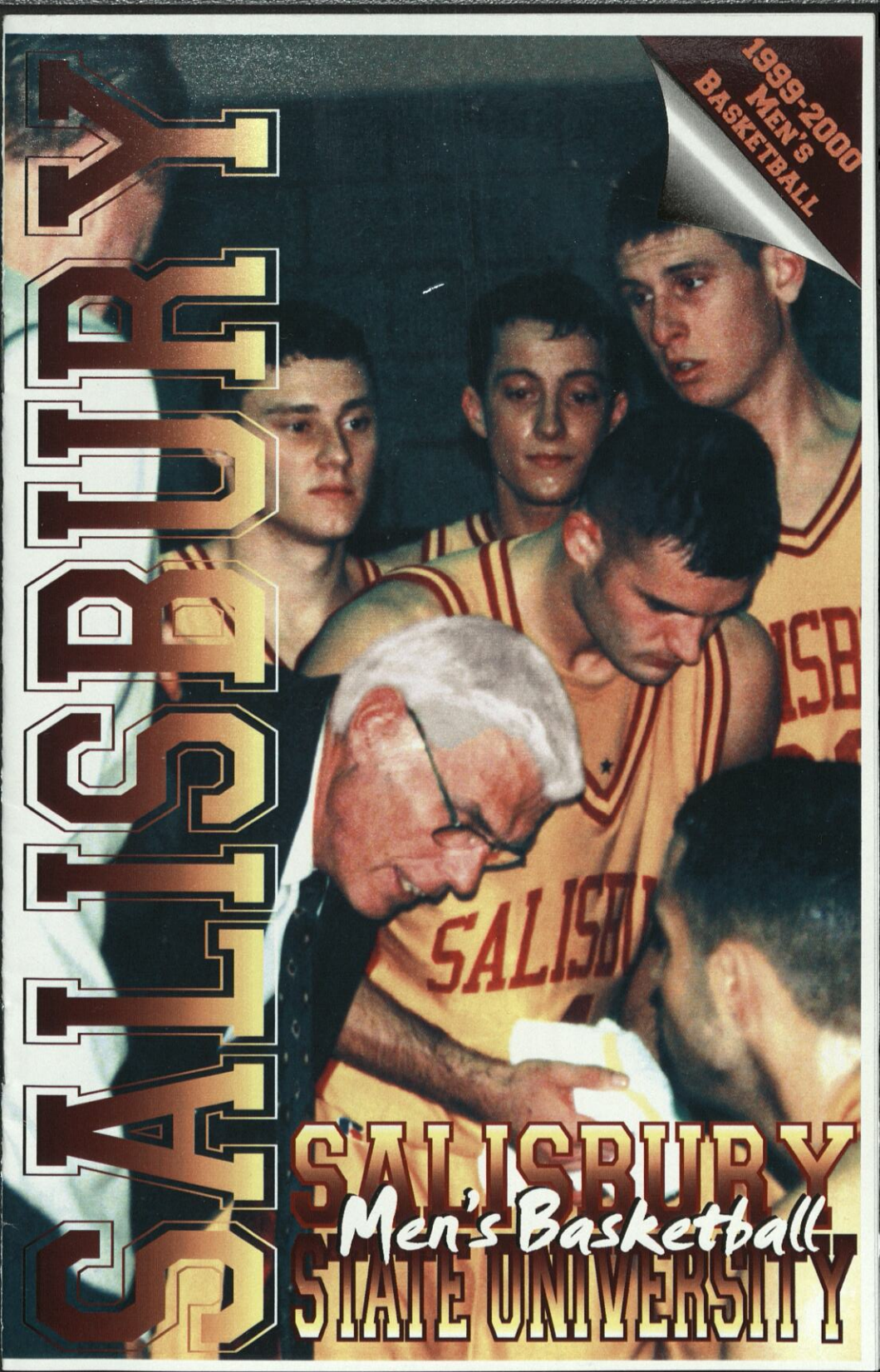
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## SSU at a glance

**The resources of a University ...**
6,000 students from 36 states and 50 foreign countries
29 undergraduate and 8 graduate programs
200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

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Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
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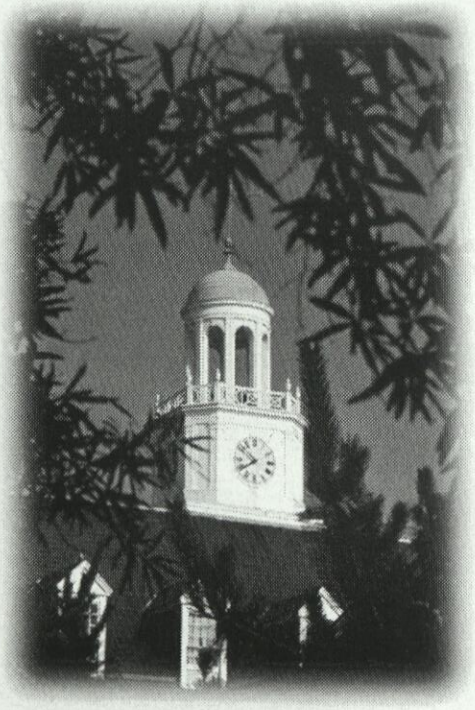

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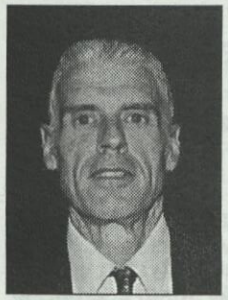
## Head Coach Ward Lambert



Ranked among the all-time winningest coaches in NCAA Division III history, **Ward Lambert** has announced that the 1999-2000 season will be his last as head coach of the Sea Gulls. Lambert began his 30th and final season with 416 career wins, all at Salisbury State. His victory total is the 24th highest in Division III history.

Lambert's teams have posted seven winning campaigns in the 1990s, including a memorable 1997 season in which his Sea Gulls finished 25-6 and advanced to the final eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament. That was Salisbury's second visit to the national quarterfinal round in five years.

Over the past nine seasons, his teams have posted 161 wins while earning four NCAA Tournament bids and claiming four conference championships. Lambert was honored as the Capital Athletic Conference's Coach-of-the-Year in 1996 as he led Salisbury State to both the regular season and postseason championship. He has a 416-350 overall record.

Under his tutelage, the Sea Gulls have had 16 winning seasons, have notched double-figures in victories in 25 of 29 seasons and earned five NCAA Tournament bids. Included in that stretch is a record-setting 1991-92 season, when Lambert guided the Sea Gulls to a 28-2 record and second place ranking in the final Division III national poll that season. For his efforts, he was selected as the Atlantic District Coach-of-the-Year, as well as the Eastern States Athletic Conference Coach-of-the-Year.

The 1992 team set a school-record with 28 wins while also enjoying a nation's best 27-game winning streak. The Sea Gulls also produced the national player-of-the-year that season.

Since the 1989-90 season, the Sea Gulls have been one of the highest scoring teams in the nation, utilizing an up-tempo, full-court pressure style of play. Lambert's 1989-90 team set a new NCAA Division III scoring record of 104.5 ppg.

A 1962 graduate of the University of Virginia, Lambert was a three-year varsity player on the Cavalier basketball team. He then received his master's degree from the University of Maryland in 1965 before entering the high school coaching ranks. Lambert posted an 85-24 record in six seasons at the prep level, including five successful seasons at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD. In all, Lambert's squads captured one state title, one state second place and four county championships before he took over the reins of the SSU program in 1970.

Lambert is a native of Wilmington, DE, and attended Mount Pleasant High School.

**The Sea Gull Coaching Staff (left to right), Head Coach Ward Lambert, Keith Brown, Jeff Gibbs, Pat Williams**

# Looking Back on 30 Years of Coaching

*Prior to the start of his 30th and final season as head coach of the Salisbury State men's basketball team, Coach Ward Lambert offered these observations and reflections on three decades of coaching.*

**What are Some of the Significant Changes You've Encountered Over 30 Years in Coaching?**

"Lots of things have changed. When I first started, the team used to travel to all away games in Trailways buses. It was first class, but things were so inexpensive back then. Then we went to University vans that we had to drive ourselves. Now, we're back to University-owned buses with drivers. Game films in the '70s were on reel-to-reel tapes. We never exchanged tapes with opponents. Now everybody sends videotapes."

**Has the Level of Play Changed?**

"The quickness of the players may be the main difference. We have more all-around athletes now; guys who are not just one-dimensional players. But I don't think players are as fundamentally sound. Their knowledge of the game is not as good now as it used to be. Things like how to block out, how to get open. I think players now have better one-on-one skills, but they don't know how to use them."

**Is it Harder or Easier to Find Good Players?**

"It's easier to find players, but recruiting is more intense. You can't find real sleepers anymore. Summer camps bring all the kids out and everybody knows where the good players are. You've got to recruit to win."

**Which Players Stand Out Among Those You've Coached?**

"Howard Shockley (1973-76) was the best player I ever had. He was great to watch and was totally unselfish. He could do things others couldn't do. He played above everybody. He was a D-I player caught in a D-3 program. People used to come just to watch him play. People still ask me about him today. 'Where's Howard Shockley?'"

**Who Else Stands Out?**

Obviously, Andre Foreman (1988-92). Another totally unselfish player. He was the most effective player we ever had. He averaged 27 points and 12 rebounds per game for his career. He was the national player of the year and finished as the all-time leading scorer in Division III history. That says it all. Duke Wright was a little point guard on my first team (1970-71). Flashy and quick. And Dameon Ross (1991-94). He and Wright were guys who never saw a shot they didn't like. John Berens (1978-82) was probably the most fundamentally sound player I ever had. He could do everything."

**Who Were the Biggest Surprises?**

Probably Juan Gabourel (1976-80). His high school coach had told me he could play defense but wasn't much of an offensive threat. He scored 52 points in our Maroon-Gold game (preseason exhibition) as a freshman. He finished his career as a 2,000-point scorer. Russell Springman (1987-90) and David Byer (1988-91) were the last guys we kept in their first seasons and both became outstanding players."

**Which Teams Do You Remember Most Fondly?**

"The team I liked best was the 1997 squad that went to the final eight. There were no superstars on that team. They were all role players who achieved by playing well together. Gary Cucchi (1995-97) might have been the least talented player on that team, but the best thing I did was to make him a starter. That team was the least talented of the good teams we've had, but they got the most out of their ability. The 1992 team that finished 28-2 was the most talented team I ever had. Foreman was the star but there were 10 or 11 players who could have been starters."

**What Other Highlights Do You Recall?**

"All the NCAA Tournament teams are special. That's the goal every year. Advancing in the NCAAs. 1986 was our first tournament appearance and that was really special. Making the tournament makes you feel so good."

**Did You Ever Consider Coaching Elsewhere?**

"I never applied to coach anyplace else. I liked it here and just tried to be as successful as I could be here. I adopted Mike McGlinchey's philosophy that 'if you work hard everyday in all the little things, the scoreboard will take care of itself.'"

**What Will You Miss?**

"I'll miss the players. Seeing them progress academically and as people. And I'll miss the games. The games are always exciting. Being in the contest. The strategy. The process of testing yourself against an opponent. You learn from the games. They teach you about life. How do you relate to and respond to pressure situations? Who wants to take the key shot?"

**Has Division III Basketball Changed Over 30 Years?**

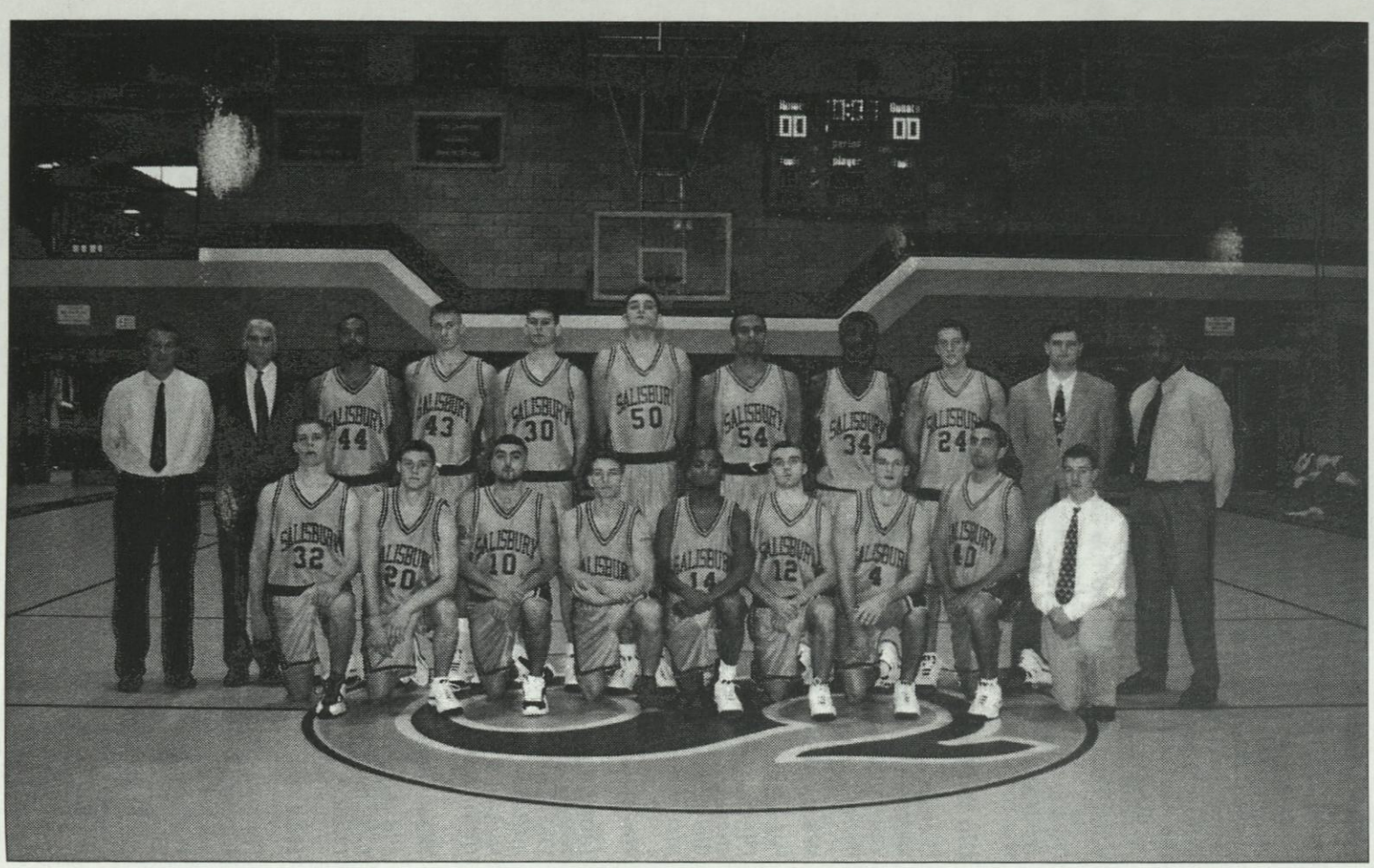
"The game has gotten better. It's very competitive now. There are more good teams. We were actually NAIA and Division II when I started here in the '70s. Division III wasn't formed until the mid-70s. We also have a good conference affiliation now. Joining the Capital Athletic Conference was a great move for us. I think we added strength to the league when we joined (1993) and the other teams have gotten better. It's a very competitive conference."

**What Goals Do You Have For Your Final Season?**

"I'd like to win the conference and get into the NCAA Tournament. I think the CAC race will be wide open. I want us to be competitive and have our chances for the postseason come down to the final week of the season."

**How Did You Make the Decision To Retire?**

"Actually, my wife made the decision for me about eight years ago. We bartered back and forth. She would say five more years, I would say 10. We settled on eight. She said 'It's a young man's game, get out.' I think she's right. A lot of people would like to have this job, so why not give them a chance to have it. I could do it for a few more years, but why hold on to it? Let's get some new energy. I'll find something new to do, although I don't have any plans yet. I'll probably do some woodworking or try to improve my golf game."



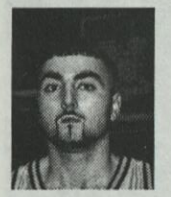
## 1999-2000 Sea Gull Roster

| No. | Name | Pos | Yr | Hgt | Wgt | Hometown | High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Josh Merkel | G | Jr | 6-1 | 185 | Walkersville, MD | Prospect Hall |
| 10 | Ali Azizikia | G | Sr | 5-10 | 173 | Gaithersburg, MD | Gaithersburg |
| 12 | Jared Silberzahn | G | So | 5-9 | 155 | Arbutus, MD | Cardinal Gibbons |
| 14 | Doug King | G | So | 5-9 | 158 | Salisbury, MD | Wicomico |
| 22 | Dan Fisher | G | Sr | 5-10 | 168 | Knoxville, MD | Brunswick |
| 24 | Colin Exelby | G | Sr | 6-2 | 185 | Grand Rapids, MI | E. Grand Rapids |
| 30 | Jason Campion | F | So | 6-6 | 185 | Bowie, MD | Archbishop Spalding |
| 32 | Matt Briggs | F | So | 6-2 | 185 | Severna Park, MD | Severna Park |
| 34 | Babatunde Bandele | F | So | 6-3 | 205 | Owings Mills, MD | Woodlawn |
| 40 | Tony Chavelli | F | Sr | 6-2 | 200 | Olney, MD | Seneca Valley |
| 43 | Lou Clark | C | So | 6-5 | 200 | Baltimore, MD | Eastern Tech |
| 44 | Victor Jackson | F | So | 6-3 | 195 | Salisbury, MD | Wicomico |
| 50 | Brian Turner | C | Fr | 6-7 | 205 | Damascus, MD | Damascus |
| 54 | Cameron Bryant | C | Sr | 6-4 | 200 | Baltimore, MD | Randallstown |

HEAD COACH — Ward Lambert (30th year)

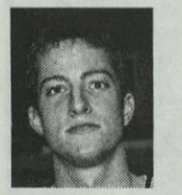
ASSISTANTS — Pat Williams, Keith Brown, Jeff Gibbs

# Profiles 1999-2000



**ALI AZIZIKIA**
**GUARD**
**5-10 SENIOR**
**GAITHERSBURG, MD**

A three-year player who has shown improvement each season...Will serve as one of the primary backcourt players this year, likely to share time at the point guard position...Saw action in 22 games last year while averaging 1.7 ppg and 1.2 apg...Has worked hard in the offseason and should contribute greater offensive numbers as a senior...Has the potential to be one of the team's most improved players this year.

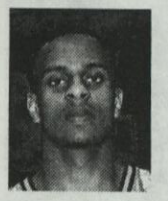


**COLIN EXELBY**
**GUARD**
**6-3 SENIOR**
**GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

Returns for his third year as a starter in the backcourt...Finished third on the team in scoring last year, averaging 10.4 ppg...Also led the squad in three-point field goals for the second straight year, finishing with 44 last year after converting 39 treys as a sophomore...Begins his senior season with 119 three-point field goals, ranking fourth in team history...Also reached the career 500-point plateau last season...Will serve as one of the team's top outside scoring threats again this season...Started all 26 games last year...Serving as the team's only captain.

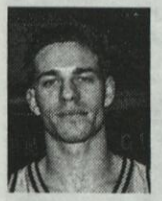
**TONY CHIAVELLI**
**FORWARD**
**6-2 SENIOR**
**OLNEY, MD**

Returns for his second season with the Sea Gulls after joining the team as a junior college transfer last year...Made an immediate impact last year, playing in all 26 games...Started four times...Averaged 7.7 ppg and finished second on the team in rebounds with 5.0/game...Led the Gulls in scoring twice, finishing with 19 points both times in victories over Greensboro and Mary Washington...Also converted 36 treys last year, third most on the team, and led the Gulls in three-point percentage at .400...Should be one of the team's key players again this season.



**CAMERON BRYANT**
**CENTER**
**6-4 SENIOR**
**BALTIMORE, MD**

Returns to the squad this season after missing the past two years due to injuries...Will offer the Sea Gulls another strong post presence and should see considerable playing time...Has the ability to finish among the team's scoring and rebounding leaders...Played in 21 games during the 1997 season as the Gulls advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Final 8...Averaged 1.5 ppg and 1.4 rpg that season...Runs the floor very well for his size and is well suited for SSU's up-tempo style of play.



**DAN FISHER**
**GUARD**
**6-2 SENIOR**
**KNOXVILLE, MD**

Another junior college transfer who joined the team last year and should make a bigger contribution after gaining a season of experience in 1999...Served as the team's top backup at point guard last year, seeing action in 25 games...Averaged 4.1 ppg and 1.2 apg...Also finished fourth on the team with 13 treys last season...Will likely play more at the off-guard position as a senior...Provides the Gulls with another strong outside scoring threat.

# The Recordbook

## Individual Records

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Most Points** | | | |
| Career | 2940 | Andre Foreman | 1987-92 |
| Season | 914 | Andre Foreman | 1990-91 |
| Game | 52 | Andre Foreman vs. Wesley | Feb. 12, 1992 |
| **Most Rebounds** | | | |
| Career | 1313 | Andre Foreman | 1987-92 |
| Season | 482 | Howard Shockley | 1973-74 |
| Game | 37 | Howard Shockley vs. Loyola | Feb. 12, 1974 |
| **Most Assists** | | | |
| Career | 538 | Scott Smith | 1981-85 |
| Season | 246 | Russell Springmann | 1989-90 |
| Game | 19 | Rick Sheets vs. Spring Garden | Dec. 6, 1986 |
| **Most 3-PT Shots Made** | | | |
| Career | 268 | John DeRichie | 1993-97 |
| Season | 102 | David Byer | 1996-97 |
| Game | 9 | Dameon Ross vs. CCNY | Dec. 5, 1991 |
| **Most Steals** | | | |
| Career | 261 | Andre Foreman | 1987-92 |
| Season | 96 | Andre Foreman | 1991-92 |
| Game | 10 | Ron Dixon vs. Baltimore | Jan. 9, 1975 |
| **Most Blocked Shots** | | | |
| Career | 299 | Howard Shockley | 1973-76 |
| Season | 132 | Howard Shockley | 1973-74 |
| Game | 12 | Howard Shockley vs. Spring Garden | Dec. 21, 1973 |

## Career Scoring Leaders

| Name | Years | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 1) Andre Foreman | 1987-92 | 2940* |
| 2) Juan Gabourel | 1976-80 | 2064 |
| 3) Dameon Ross | 1991-94 | 1994 |
| 4) John Berens | 1978-82 | 1736 |
| 5) Howard Shockley | 1973-76 | 1519 |
| 6) Ron Gore | 1965-69 | 1495 |
| 7) Scott Smith | 1981-85 | 1420 |
| 8) Kyle Jefferson | 1991-95 | 1419 |
| 9) David Byer | 1987-91 | 1384 |
| 10) Dave Pritchett | 1982-86 | 1293 |
| 11) Ron Pritchett | 1984-87 | 1257 |
| 12) Casey Musick | 1993-96 | 1207 |
| 13) Tyrone Mills | 1974-78 | 1151 |
| 14) Tim Sponaugle | 1980-83 | 1150 |
| 15) Kevin Cromer | 1989-93 | 1138 |

*Foreman's total of 2,940 is also the NCAA Division III scoring record

## Career Rebounding Leaders

| Name | Years | Rebounds |
|---|---|---|
| 1) Andre Foreman | 1987-92 | 1313 |
| 2) Howard Shockley | 1973-76 | 1299 |
| 3) Ron Gore | 1965-69 | 1250 |
| 4) Milt Purnell | 1970-73 | 1168 |
| 5) Johns Berens | 1978-82 | 934 |
| 6) Kevin Cromer | 1989-93 | 762 |
| 7) Sylvester Burke | 1971-75 | 751 |
| 8) Randy Clark | 1993-97 | 709 |
| 9) Kyle Jefferson | 1991-95 | 665 |
| 10) Ed Jones | 1982-85 | 658 |

## Team Records - Single Game

Most Points - 141 vs. Eastern, 1989-90
Most Field Goals Made - 55 vs. Wilmington, 1971-72
Most Free Throws Made - 42 vs. Frostburg State, 1993-94
Most Free Throws Attempted - 56 vs. Mary Washington, 1995-96
Most 3-PT Field Goals Made - 18 vs. Wesley, 1993-94
Fewest Points Allowed - 34 vs. John Jay, 1979-80
Most Rebounds - 85 vs. Western Maryland, 1968-69
Most Assists - 39 (three times)
Most Steals - 28 vs. NC Wesleyan, 1995-96
Most Blocked Shots - 14 vs. Spring Garden, 1973-74
Largest Margin of Victory - 50 points vs. CCNY, 1991-92

## 1999-2000 Sea Gull Schedule

| Date | Day | Opponent | Site | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| November | | | | |
| 19 | Fri | LYCOMING TIPOFF TOURNAMENT | Williamsport, PA | |
| | | SSU vs. Eastern Mennonite | | 6 p.m. |
| | | Lycoming vs. Bloomfield | | 8 p.m. |
| 20 | Sat | Consolation and Championship | | 6-8 p.m. |
| 23 | Tue | Washington | Chestertown, MD | 7:30 p.m. |
| December | | | | |
| 1 | Wed | GALLAUDET * | MAGGS CENTER | 7:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Fri | SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC | MAGGS CENTER | |
| | | Chowan vs. Savannah A&D | | 3 p.m. |
| | | SSU vs. Lincoln | | 8 p.m. |
| 4 | Sat | Consolation Game | | 3 p.m. |
| | | Championship Game | | 8 p.m. |
| 6 | Mon | VIRGINIA WESLEYAN | MAGGS CENTER | 7:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Wed | Goucher * | Towson, MD | 8 p.m. |
| 11 | Sat | CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT | MAGGS CENTER | 4 p.m. |
| January | | | | |
| 7 | Fri | ELIZABETHTOWN TOURNAMENT | Elizabethtown, PA | |
| | | Grove City vs. Dickinson | | 6 p.m. |
| | | SSU vs. Elizabethtown | | 8 p.m. |
| 8 | Sat | Consolation and Championship | | 1-3 p.m. |
| 12 | Wed | Marymount * | Arlington, VA | 7:30 p.m. |
| 15 | Sat | MARY WASHINGTON * | MAGGS CENTER | 4 p.m. |
| 19 | Wed | CATHOLIC * | MAGGS CENTER | 7:30 p.m. |
| 22 | Sat | St. Mary's * | St. Mary's City, MD | 4 p.m. |
| 26 | Wed | Gallaudet * | Washington, D.C. | 7:30 p.m. |
| 29 | Sat | YORK * | MAGGS CENTER | 4 p.m. |
| February | | | | |
| 2 | Wed | GOUCHER * | MAGGS CENTER | 7:30 p.m. |
| 5 | Sat | Mary Washington * | Fredericksburg, VA | 4 p.m. |
| 9 | Wed | MARYMOUNT * | MAGGS CENTER | 7:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Sat | ST. MARY'S * | MAGGS CENTER | 7:30 p.m. |
| 14 | Mon | Wesley | Dover, DE | 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | Wed | Catholic * | Washington, D.C. | 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Sat | York * | York, PA | 2 p.m. |
| 21 | Mon | CAC TOURNAMENT - Quarterfinals | TBA | |
| 23 | Wed | CAC TOURNAMENT - Semifinals | TBA | |
| 26 | Sat | CAC TOURNAMENT - Championship | TBA | |

* Indicates Capital Athletic Conference game

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